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Fact Sheet

Current Strategic Nuclear Forces of the Former Soviet Union

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RUSSIA

START ACCOUNTABLE ¹	STRATEGIC NUCLEAR DELIVERY VEHICLES	STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WARHEADS
INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILES (ICBMs)	709	3,115
SUBMARINE-LAUNCHED BALLISTIC MISSILES (SLBMs)	332	1,744
BOMBERS	78	624
TOTAL	1,119	5,483

BELARUS, KAZAKHSTAN, AND UKRAINE²

START ACCOUNTABLE ¹	DELIVERY VEHICLES	STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WARHEADS
ICBMs	0	0
SLBMs	0	0
BOMBERS	0	0
TOTAL	0	0

1. START I limits the United States and Russia each to 6,000 "accountable" warheads with an implementation deadline of December 2001. Figures are based on START counting rules, as negotiated between the United States and the Soviet Union and specified in the treaty text. Thus, numbers do not necessarily reflect those weapons systems that are operationally deployed.

2. Strategic nuclear weapons were located in Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Ukraine when the Soviet Union dissolved in 1991. Belarus and Kazakhstan rapidly transferred nuclear warheads back to Russia and transferred or destroyed their associated delivery systems. Ukraine completed the transfer of nuclear warheads back to Russia in 1996 and destroyed its last SS-24 ICBM silo on October 30, 2001.

Sources: START Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) of September 1, 1990 and the most recent MOU of July 31, 2002.

CHANGES IN FORMER SOVIET STRATEGIC FORCES SINCE 1990

START ACCOUNTABLE ¹	STRATEGIC NUCLEAR DELIVERY VEHICLES		STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WARHEADS	
	SEPTEMBER 1990	JULY 2002	SEPTEMBER 1990	JULY 2002
ICBMs				
SS-11	326	0	326	0
SS-13	40	0	40	0
SS-17	47	0	188	0
SS-18	308	148	3,080	1,480
SS-19	300	150	1,800	900
SS-24 (SILO)	56	0	560	0
SS-24 (RAIL)	33	36	330	360
SS-25	288	345	288	345
SS-27 (SILO)	0	30	0	30
SUBTOTAL	1,398	709	6,612	3,115
SLBMs				
SS-N-6	192	0	192	0
SS-N-8	280	24	280	24
SS-N-17	12	0	12	0
SS-N-18	224	112	672	336
SS-N-20	120	100	1,200	1,000
SS-N-23	112	96	448	384
SUBTOTAL	940	332	2,804	1,744
BOMBERS				
BEAR (AIR-LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILE OR ALCM)	84	63	672	504
BEAR (NON-ALCM)	63	0	63	0
BLACKJACK	15	15	120	120
SUBTOTAL	162	78	855	624
TOTAL	2,500	1,119	10,271	5,483